

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 8, 2008

The meeting began following the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting on Spruce Mountain Tower Corporation's application for a cell phone tower on Upper Sumner Hill.

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Committee member Mary Ann Haxton, reporters George Twine and Mary Standard, and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of June 24, 2008 and Warrant #1 were received and approved. Checks 6586-6604 and Receipts 775-785 were verified by McNeil. Warrant #25 was signed June 30, 2008.

Open Session: Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA Director, and David Duguay, Oxford County Commissioner, presented Thomas Standard with a jacket honoring his time and commitment as local EMD and the 114 hour program he has completed.

CEO Abbott reported no change at the Waterman property. McCafferty has cleaned up his property. Abbott will have more information on the Wainwright septic system for the next meeting.

### Forms signed and Reports received:

Auditor's form for verification of payments for the Transfer Station

Annual Town Meeting Warrant—the EMA account will be carried over and noted under the article. It was decided to list all carry over amounts. The information on Fields Hill Cemetery and the material on cemetery laws will be displayed at the Town Meeting.

GA quarterly return with a claim for \$200

Financial statements through June 30, 2008

MMA Salary Survey will be completed by Runes

Tri-Town Rescue meetings: Silber and McNeil said that a consensus had been reached to adopt new bylaws with the service continuing as is for now.

Road Report: Road signs will be ordered as requested by residents. Keach has installed culverts and ditched Bonney Road.

New Business: Two bids were received on winter road maintenance. Clifford Lowe submitted a bid for plowing at \$2,840 per mile. He also submitted sand bids of \$21,000 for 3,000 yards of sand or \$35,000 for 5,000 yards plus trucking of \$10,855. Maynard Farrar submitted a bid of \$10 per yard for 5,000 yards of sand as requested in the bid notice. Lowe told the Board that the Town did not need 5,000 yards; he had sand left from last year. McNeil moved to accept Lowe's plowing bid and his bid for 3,000 yards of sand. Silber seconded. So voted.

The next Warrant will be ready for signing on July 19. The next meeting will be July 31 at 6:30 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JULY 31, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Clifford McNeil, Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Thomas Standard, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, reporter George Twine. The Minutes of July 8, 2008 were read and approved. Warrant #2 was signed July 19, 2008. Checks 6605-6629 and Receipts 786-804 were verified by McNeil.

Open Session: Chief Stewart spoke to the Board about the condition of the Waterman house in West Sumner Village. He said he condemned the chimneys last winter. During a criminal investigation inspection of the house with the State Police earlier in the week, the State Police expressed the opinion that the house should be condemned for health reasons and also recommended that it be burned down. Chief Stewart said that he would not burn the house down due to the proximity of neighboring houses, although he agreed that it should be condemned. The Board will check with MMA on legalities. The house is still owned by Duane and Naomi Waterman, although it is vacant at the moment. Norton will make sure the animals in the house have been removed.

Standard brought in a display of Fields Hill Cemetery and the research he has done to determine ownership and burials. This will be set up at the Town Meeting with information on cemetery laws.

### Forms signed and Reports received:

Contract for Winter Maintenance at the Municipal Complex-Silber will look at wording for fuel adjustment. The issue of Sumner's contractor plowing for Woodstock under Sumner's contract and using Sumner's sand needs to be addressed.

Certification of URIP funds--\$53,820 is expected for capital improvements

Request for Background Check for Concealed Firearm Permit

Tri-Town Rescue Bylaws

Planning Board Minutes-July 1 and 16

Emergency Management Committee Minutes

Reimbursement Payment of \$200 approved from DHS

Road Report: Road signs were ordered for Black Mountain, Decoster, Ridge, and Paris Hill Roads.

Keach has reviewed the MDOT Bridge inspection report and does not feel that he needs to take action.

He has fixed the rails on Twin Bridge and has been grading the areas that have been hit hardest with the continuous heavy downpours. He noted that Glenice Estes has complained about the brush and ruts on Estes Road. Rocks have been removed from Labrador Pond and Decoster Roads; he will start work on a large rock on Barrows Road. He has been looking into paving prices and will search the internet for a muffler for the grader.

### Old Business:

Hinckley said Dick Wiken agreed to mow the former landfill, but McNeil wanted to hire a professional he had coming to work on his land. McNeil will talk to both to get the best price.

Hinckley has started fence repairs at Black Mountain Cemetery.

### New Business:

A letter from Chief Stewart concerning primary engine pump repairs was discussed. Stewart has ordered the parts, which will run more than \$18,000, but are necessary for the pumper to be in service. The voters will decide at Town Meeting how to pay for the repairs.

Silber reported on the latest meeting dealing with Tri-Town Ambulance. PACE Ambulance offered to cover the member towns at no cost to the towns. They would like a letter of indication from any town that decides to go with them. Silber said their response time is favorable in comparison with Tri-Town. PACE is not interested in any of Tri-Town's equipment or the station in West Paris. The member towns understand that if one town drops out, it will probably mean the end of Tri-Town Ambulance. Silber and McNeil felt the other towns were all leaning to PACE. McNeil moved to give conditional approval to go with PACE, pending Hinckley's discussion with residents. Hinckley and several others were instrumental in forming Tri-Town in the early 1980s. Silber seconded. So voted.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 11, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber and newly elected Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Martha Elkin and reporter George Twine.

The Minutes of July 31, 2008 and Warrant #3 were received and approved. Hinckley verified disbursements. Silber talked to Darleen Waterman on August 2 about the house owned by her son in West Sumner and the discussion about condemning or tearing the house down. Silber asked her to have the property cleaned up in 30 days to comply with the notice sent by DEP. She agreed and has started the clean up.

Forms signed:

WJ Wheeler Statement of Values insurance form

State Outreach Survey for Municipal Farm Support Program

Re-Certification of URIP funds—\$53,820—more information was needed on expenses

Road Report: Keach has rented a bush hog to mow the roadsides. He asked the Board for advice on a problem with the Bryant driveway on Bonney Road. The drive was put in without a permit from Keach and not done properly. Ledge causes the water to wash out the driveway across the road. Jeffrey Tripp would like to widen the drive to accommodate big trucks for his business. Bryant asked that Keach blast away the ledge. The Board advised Keach that he should not work on a private driveway, but that he could give her the name of the company that does blasting for Sumner. That company will be returning to Sumner in the fall to finish a job on Barrows Road.

Old Business: The former landfill has been mowed.

Hinckley will talk to Clifford Lowe about the Contract for Winter Road Maintenance to determine what will be done about plowing a road in the Town of Woodstock. He will also ask for fuel expenses to work out a fuel adjustment clause

There will be a public meeting in September to discuss Tri-Town Rescue. Date and location not decided.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AUGUST 26, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of August 11, 2008 and Warrant #4 were read and approved. Checks 6668-6704 and Receipts 805-853 were verified by Haxton. The Tri-Town Rescue payment is on hold until there is a resolution with the Board of Directors. Hinckley learned of a meeting in West Paris after the fact. He will contact Doreen Wilbur.

The Board would like the CEO and Fire Chief to inspect the Waterman property after it is cleaned up.

Forms signed:

Appointments:

*Selectperson positions*—Haxton will take over on MMWAC Board of Directors (and would like a schedule of meetings and attendance requirements) and as General Assistance Supervisor and continue with the Ordinance Committee; Hinckley will take over as Maintenance Supervisor and continue with Road Committee; Silber serves on the Alternative Energy and Regionalization Committees.

*Planning Board:* James Durfee (11), Edwin Hinshaw (10), Gerald Farrar (Alt 09)

*Budget:* Arlene Silverman (11), Michael Trenoweth (11)

*Board of Appeals:* Robert Runes (11)

*Arrabine Dunn Emergency Relief Fund:* Edwin Hinshaw (11)

*Comprehensive Plan Implementation:* Martha Elkin (11)

*Tri-Town Rescue:* Susan Litchfield (09)

Abatements: Frederick B Campbell, U3, Lot 32 (not owner as of 4/1/07)

Supplements: Andy J Williams, U3, Lot 32

Concealed Firearm Permit Request for Background Check

Tree Growth: 10-year Certification for Stuart D, Sheryll L Abbott, R8, Lot 1; new owner certification for Paul R and Judy R Trudeau, R6, Lot 16A

Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes

Account Activity Report July 2008—Silber and Runes will meet with a representative from Maine Communities Foundation to discuss investing Town funds.

Road Report: Keach has been mowing the roadsides. He will move the 35 MPH sign on Bonney Road to a point by the Cerrato property along with a Children Playing sign; he will move the Children Playing sign by Norton's to below the Dan property. Traffic has increased on Bonney Road and there are many more families with children and pets in that particular section of the road.

Keach received 4 paving bids: Pine Tree Paving--\$87.91/ton; Rampart Bituminous--\$89.90/ton; RC & Sons--\$95.42/ton; Pike Industries--\$98.50. He will go with Pine Tree Paving. He will be changing a culvert on Fields Hill Road and overlaying Valley Road with hot top to finish it. He will see about removing a large rock from the Bryant driveway that is within road limits.

Old Business:

Winter Road Maintenance Contract—The Board will draw up wording for a fuel adjustment clause. Hinckley will talk to Transportation Director John Ackley about requested bus turnarounds on Black Mountain Road and Greenwoods Road. Silber said to keep the wording on Woodstock the same as previous years. Norton will draft letters to be sent to Danville Jack, Roger Theriault and Stephen Nowak notifying them that the Town will not be plowing their roads. There has been a misunderstanding as to the status of these roads. They are either public easement roads or driveways.

Rep Hayes sent information on MDOT classification of Rte. 219 and the Town's responsibility.

New Business:

The Office has received many complaints about Maurice Hart's dogs. Hinckley will talk to him and suggest that he put up a building to enclose the dogs at night. He will tell Hart the dogs must be kept quiet

and that action must be taken by the next meeting. He will also remind Hart that he cannot be considered in the future as Sumner's ACO if the Town continues to have problems with his animals.

Thanks go out to Clifford S McNeil for 9 years' service (99-08) as Selectman and Kelly Stewart for 3 years' service (05-08) as a School Board Director.

The Board agreed to \$2,500 on mobile home park lots and the purchase of a Marshall Values guide if Norton feels that it will be of benefit in establishing values on personal property. The camp on R20, Lot 40-4 will be assessed in 2009; it has apparently been overlooked until this year with no record of when it was built. Norton will contact several sources about the value of Conservation Easements to Land Trusts. The Board would like EMD Thomas Standard to draw up an Office Complex Emergency Plan.

Tire Tickets for the Transfer Station will be available September 1.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Contractor Clifford Lowe, guest Geraldine Abbott and reporter George Twine.

The Minutes of August 26, 2008 were read and corrections made to the Road Report. Warrant #5 was reviewed and signed. Haxton verified Checks 6705-6734 and Receipts 854-883. The Board voted to send the annual payment to Tri-Town Rescue.

Open Session: Katrina MacDonald did not attend, but Hinckley will talk to Maurice Hart again about his dogs.

CEO Sidney Abbott will contact David Wainwright at his home about the failed septic system on the Sumner property.

He said that Craig Andrews' MH lot on Rte. 219 has a septic system and well and is legal distance from the road.

The Board directed Abbott and Fire Chief Stewart to complete an exterior and interior inspection of the Waterman house.

Abbott has inspected the logging operation on R10, Lot 21.

Forms signed and Reports received:

Appointments: Mary Ann Haxton—MMWAC Board of Directors

Concealed Firearm Request for Background Check

MSAD #39 Referendum Warrant for November 4, 2008

Planning Board Minutes 9/2/08

Thank you letter from Community Concepts for support

Road Report: Hedgehog Hill Road sign is gone. Keach has changed culverts on Fields Hill Road, bought patch and started paving Valley Road. He was contacted by the DOL to inspect the grader and town garage. He anticipates some problems with the safety check on the grader-such as the backup signal.

Old Business:

Winter Road Maintenance Contract: Clifford Lowe and the Board agreed to fuel adjustment negotiations for over \$6.00 and under \$2.50 on 5800 gallons. The base price is \$4.17. Lowe will be billed for sand used in Woodstock; Woodstock will not be part of this contract. He would like to talk to John Ackley about the requested bus turnarounds on Black Mountain Road and Greenwoods Road. The next contract will include language on assurance of properly running equipment.

Conservation Easement to Land Trust--no change in value

Letters to Jack, Theriault and Nowak concerning plowing were signed. Each was invited to the next meeting if they have concerns with the letters.

New Business:

A letter of Intent for Tri-Town Ambulance was sent in by Rodney B Harrington, Board President. Norton will ask for a copy of the new bylaws. Susan Litchfield called Silber asking that the funds be sent and to say that Lee Berry is interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

Haxton will contact Lifeflight for a meeting to discuss criteria for the helicopter pad behind fire station.

Members of the Emergency Management committee will be invited to a meeting to update the Board on emergency preparedness.

Silber is meeting with Kirk Nadeau about wind power on October 15.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, firefighters Walter Litchfield and Kelly Stewart, Community Cares member Marianne Todd, residents Lana Pratt, Wilda Dunham, Dan, Susan and Anna Jack, and David Bragg, guest Geraldine Abbott and reporters George Twine, Thomas and Mary Standard.

The Minutes of September 9, 2008 and Warrant #6 were received and approved. Checks 6735-6759 and Receipts 884-911 were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Chief Stewart has located a company in Georgia that has a new Kenworth tanker/pumper for \$150,000. The company has sold 2 trucks previously in Maine; Stewart will be contacting them for more information. The balance in the fire truck account is \$82,000. The old pumper was repaired and passed the test.

Haxton has been in contact with representatives from LifeFlight and will be setting up a meeting at the site. Stewart suggested that the area could be left as is and be used as a training deck for the Department.

Dunham, who is a member of the Auxiliary and the fundraisers for the pad, said she talked with FAA and they recommended cement. The Auxiliary has raised approximately \$15,000 over the last several years.

Mary Standard said the Swap Shop has given out 2 ½ tons in August. She asked Silber to see if they can get lights and heat for the Shop. He will talk to Glen Holmes.

Todd said the Committee has been handing out folders on emergency preparedness and will be doing a forum on Comfort Care with Buckfield Rescue.

The Jack family questioned the letter concerning Dan Jack's road and its status. They and Bragg stated the road has been maintained by the Town as a town way since 1790, although it does not have an official name. Jack also said that Jack Road goes to the middle green house. The Board agreed that the road was left off the Ordinance as an oversight and they will hold a Special Town Meeting to amend the Ordinance on October 14. Jack was asked to give the road a name.

CEO Abbott has talked with Waterman's parents and was told the house will be looked at by Community Concepts to see what needs to be done to make it livable for the winter. They are still cleaning up the yard. The Board directed Abbott to issue a contract with a deadline. Abbott will talk to them and advise them to clean up by October 14; after that he will issue a Notice of Violation.

Stewart will call to set up an appointment to check the chimney.

### Forms signed and Reports received:

Concealed Firearm Request for Background Check

Planning Board Minutes 9/16/08

Fire Department Minutes 8/21/08

Mail-in review for GA

Financial Reports through 8/31/08

Road Report: Keach reported that he has finished the paving and spread gravel on Bradeen and Decoster Roads. He fixed the back-up alarm and brakes on the grader, but has not had an inspection yet.

Old Business: Susan Runes has completed IS 100 and 700, two of the courses required for elected officials for NIMS certification. The Board has the information to complete the courses online.

Tri-Town Bylaws were received.

Hinckley said that Maurice Hart has been out of town and has not built a shelter for his dogs.

Richard Baker called about the Shoreland Zoning map which needs to be adopted at a town meeting and forwarded to DEP. Haxton said the Ordinance Committee will get back to it; the Planning Board had some questions that need to be addressed.

### New Business:

Elected officials are now required to take Freedom of Access training. Runes has completed it and gave the training information to the Board.

Silber has arranged for a wind power meeting with Kirk Nadeau on October 15 at 7:00 PM.

### Upcoming meetings:

September 25-Planning Board Site Walk of Butterfield Estates and Duguay Subdiv 6:00 PM  
September 28 and October 4-Black Mountain Cemetery cleaning workshops 8:00-4:00  
October 14-Auditor Lance Bean  
October 21-Public Hearing on School Consolidation 6:00 PM BJSHS  
October 27-29-Animal Control Officer Training

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 14, 2008

The meeting began following a Special Town Meeting to amend the Road Ordinance to include the Judah Keen Road (formerly known as Dan Jack's road) as a Town Way; the road was left off the original list. Norton will notify MEGIS of the new road name for 911 services.

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Secretary Cynthia Norton, guest Geraldine Abbott and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of September 23, 2008 and Warrant #7 were received and approved. Checks 6760—6794 and Receipts 912—959 were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Auditor Lance Bean explained that this is the first year of new changes in auditing standards and that the requirement of certain reports is not something that small town offices can comply with unless they employ CPAs. His audit is based on risk assessment, which means the Board should document verification of checks, receipts, expenses and bank statements, devise a depreciation schedule for assets, and vote to transfer funds from a Town account to an investment firm. Generally, the Town is in good shape.

CEO Abbott expects a local contractor to finish the work on the Wainwright septic system; Abbott will follow up. He spoke with the parents about the clean-up at the Waterman house. He noted at his inspection that the tires are gone, but there is still a large amount of garbage. Mr. Waterman said he only has Saturdays to work on it, and that Community Concepts may put in monitor heaters so that it can be lived in this winter. The Board asked Abbott to visit each Saturday and to send a letter setting a deadline of October 28 for completion and inspection. Abbott agreed. The Office will contact DEP to follow-up on their notice.

### Forms signed:

Assessor's certificates were signed setting the mil rate at \$18.90 per \$1000.

Town of Sumner Emergency Response Plan

801 Assessor Notification Form for Coca-Cola

General Assistance: Quarterly Return with a claim of \$36.96, the Town is in compliance with Statutes.

### Reports received:

Planning Board Minutes 10/7/08

Bureau of Labor Notice of Violations-Norton will reply and get clarification on some of the violations.

2009 State Valuation \$66,750,000

CDBG for 2009-Haxton took the information

Financial statements through 9/30/08 (Scholarship fundraising included)

Road Report: Keach has graded Valley Road and re-sunk the culvert on Labrador Pond Road. He will be putting up the road name signs.

Old Business: Glen Holmes is leading a team that will teach IS 700 on October 28 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Buckfield Municipal Center. The Sumner Board will take the courses online.

Haxton reported on the meeting with Thomas Judge, Program Director of Lifeflight. There are 10 towns with landing pads and 500 rendezvous points. The pads should be a 45' x 45' paved area surrounded by grass. He asked that he be contacted when the site is ready so that a celebration can be held.

New Business: Silber attended a wind power meeting at Black Mountain in Rumford for a presentation on the Mars Hill generators. He talked with Angus King and Rob Gardner about their company and a proposed development in Biron/Roxbury. He will be holding a meeting at the Sumner Office on October 15.

### Other:

October 20-Planning Board Hearings 6:30 PM on 2 subdivisions

October 21-Public Hearing on School Consolidation 6:00 PM BJSHS

October 29-Oxford County Municipal Officers at Hartford Town Hall 7:15 PM "Right to Know" Law

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS OCTOBER 28, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, committee member Marianne Todd, guest Geraldine Abbott, and reporters Mary Standard of the Lewiston Sun and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat. The Minutes of October 14, 2008 and Warrant #8 were received and approved. Checks 6795—6819 and Receipts 960—986 were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Marianne Todd reported there will be public presentation on November 13 on Comfort Care for the critically ill, sponsored by the Neighbors Care committee. There will be a postcard mailing. They are planning a CPR course with Red Cross in April 2009. She stressed the three towns need to meet to look at grant priorities. The EMD's wish list will be forwarded to the Selectpersons. Silber said the Maine Community Foundation may have grant money for which the EMA committee might qualify. He will forward health and education information to Todd.

Standard reported on the Swap Shop activity for the last year and had a list of volunteers. Lights have been donated and Glen Holmes is hoping to have heaters donated. Cash in the amount of \$260 has been donated.

CEO: Wainwright septic system was inspected. Abbott has not followed up yet with inspection of Waterman house, but will go Wednesday. He is not sure about the concerns over the cutting on Borsa land on Barrows Road. He will inspect the site and take pictures. He will also inspect the harvesting on the Poland land on Lower Sumner Hill.

### Reports received:

Tri-Town Rescue document-Alison Ross will send in document to verify information.

Bureau of Labor Notice of Violations—letter was sent; corrections should be made by Dec. 19

Planning Board Minutes 10/20/08

Fire Department Minutes 9/18/08

Fire protection survey from Oxford County Municipal Officers Association-Runes will complete the financial portion and contact Chief Robert Stewart about the rest of the information.

Silber reported on the wind power meeting with Kirk Nadeau of Keane Engineering, Diana Dunn, Robert Runes, and Lee Holman. The discussion focused on the Town's land and wind power possibilities. There will be an on-site meeting on November 9 at noon. AVCOG's Planning Day will hold a session on local wind power regulation.

### Forms signed:

GA Claim accepted for reimbursement of \$36.96

Tree Growth certification for Esther Cooper R13, Lot 1

Veteran's Exemption application from Robert Paul Clark

Road Report: Keach has graded Tuell Hill and Arthur Allen Roads. Haxton asked if he would be grading more this fall; he is not sure. He has not had an inspection with the Department of Labor. He said the muffler on the grader has not rusted through and is all right for now.

### Old Business:

The issue with Maurice Hart's dogs has not been resolved. Runes gave Abbott a copy of the Ordinance and Silber reviewed the situation so that he would be informed as the CEO.

EMD Thomas Standard sent notice that Sumner will not be NIMS certified now that Sumner Fire Department is dealing with the Department of Labor inspection. Until they get the NIMS training Sumner is not eligible for FEMA grants.

### New Business:

The Sumner Women's Fire Auxiliary has raised over \$20,000 for the heli-pad and is proceeding with bids for the preparation and paving. They will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss ownership and responsibilities. Runes will contact Wheeler and MMA about liability issues.

Keach will give Lowe the notice from AVCOG about salt and private contractors.

Other: Haxton will attend the October 29 MMWAC Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you to Susan Runes for taking notes.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 11, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, firefighters Walter Litchfield, Jeremy Stevens, Adam Stevens, Auxiliary members Wilda Dunham and Jane Stevens, residents Matthew Starbird and Jeffrey Pfeifer, guest Geraldine Abbott, and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of October 28, 2008 and Warrant #9 were received and approved. Checks 6820—6849 in the amount of \$64,374.07 and Receipts 987—1013 in the amount of \$163,294.18 were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: The Fire Auxiliary was invited to the meeting to discuss the helicopter pad. They have raised more than \$20,000 and are ready to start looking for contractors. According to legal advice from MMA's staff, the Selectpersons need to hold a Special Town Meeting to accept and spend the funds to build the pad (which would belong to the Town), and enter into a contract with LifeFlight. The work and contractors would be under the Town's umbrella through the Selectpersons. The Auxiliary can be the oversight committee.

The Special Town Meeting will be held at the next meeting. Wording for the articles will be sought from MMA. Stewart expressed his concern about the legalities that are now coming up. He said these issues should have been brought up four years ago when they first began to talk about the pad.

Silber invited Starbird in regards to the Department of Labor violations assessed to the Fire Department. Starbird was the certified trainer for the Fire Department and was willing to offer his services to help the Department get their records in order. Stewart said "no, he and the assistant chiefs did not want Starbird's help." He said the Department is working on the violations and will hold training sessions in January. The fire extinguisher training for office staff can be done at that time.

CEO Abbott said the Waterman family is still working on cleaning up the property. He visited the logging operation on the Borsa land on Barrows Road. It is not near the spring and he did not note any damage to stone walls. He will talk to Rick Rosenbluth about his concerns as an abutter. He will get down to the Poland land on Lower Sumner Hill. There have been concerns about the cutting taking place there.

### Forms signed:

Municipal Valuation Return

Abatements: Helen Holman, R21, Lot 19, incorrect acreage; Eugene Glad, R18, Lot 7 for incorrect assessment on Farmland

Form 801 for TimePayment Corporation for 2008

GA new maximums: Haxton moved to accept the maximums. Silber seconded. So voted.

### Reports received:

Thomas Standard has completed the CONOPS class and hopes to get radios for responders.

Silber reported that Hartford and Sumner representatives and KEAN Engineering owners walked the town lot south of Redding Road on November 9. KEAN Engineering would like to set up a test wind tower and anemometer and draw up a proposal agreement. It would take about a year to complete testing and data collecting. The hope is that investors would pay for the turbines and that townspeople would be allowed to purchase shares. Haxton asked if other companies have been approached. They have not.

Planning Board Minutes 11/4/08

Marianne Todd said the spring CPR class will cost \$30.00, CPR/First Aid will cost \$35.00.

Road Report: Keach has moved one Bonney Road "Children Playing" sign and will move two others to warn drivers of areas where there are children. He will move the 35 MPH sign to a location near Cerrato's. He has graded Upper Sumner Hill and Valley Roads and dug out a rock on Redding Road.

### Old Business:

Abbott visited Maurice Hart's and heard the dogs bark once; he did not see anyone at home. He will try to follow-up with Hart.

Haxton attended an MMWAC meeting and reported that the Transfer Station will be receiving a return of \$14,000. She also reported the State Planning Office has determined that the Comprehensive Plan is now consistent with State guidelines. It will be taken to the voters at the annual town meeting.

New Business:

MMA sent notice to municipalities that there may be Tree Growth reimbursement changes at the State level that will impact town budgets. Selectmen are being urged to contact their State legislators.

Silber will be attending an alternative energy and State policy meeting on November 21 in Farmington.

Hinckley will try to attend the November 20 EMA meeting in South Paris.

Sumner will host a wind power meeting on December 3 at 6:30 PM.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS NOVEMBER 25, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, residents Edwin Hinshaw, Dorothy Hinshaw, Stuart Cooper, Thomas Standard and reporters Mary Standard of the Sun Journal and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of November 11, 2008 were received and approved. Haxton verified Checks 6850—6881 (\$95,886.72) and Receipts 1014—1036 (\$332,131.62). The Board approved Lowe's snowplowing payment on Wednesday (Thursday is a holiday). Charles McCarthy called in during the day to say that Lowe had hit his mailbox while plowing; Norton advised him to call Lowe's garage. Norton also called Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield to be sure he understood the changes in the current winter maintenance contract. He has not been contacted by Lowe and did not know that Woodstock was no longer included in the contract. Norton advised him that Sumner would bill Woodstock for salt used by Lowe when he plows Shagg Pond Road. Cooper wanted the Board to know that Greenwoods Road was in terrible condition from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (This was the first storm of the season—a mix of snow and rain.) Silber said that he had heard varying reports of snowfall from 1" to 6".

Open Session: Glen Holmes updated the Board on the Transfer Station activities. The drain for the OBW dumpster was plugged and had to be dug out; a new 4' x 4' drain was installed. He was able to ship out a load of recyclables in September and gained \$1,500. but will stockpile until the market goes up again. He still has a vendor for newspapers and cardboard. MMWAC sent a dividend payment of \$14,260. Holmes praised the Swap Shop volunteers and said that they are taking a tremendous amount of tonnage out of the waste stream. The Shop now has electricity so that lights and heaters can be hooked up. Donations have paid for this. Universal waste costs are up to about \$1,000. A capital project to extend the roof over the boiler is planned for spring 2009.

It was voted to accept the funds to build the helicopter pad. Questions were brought up about maintenance and lights; that will be the Town's responsibility. Haxton will talk to Wilda Dunham and Robert Stewart about a recommendation for the structure of the oversight committee and its chair. The Board will then make formal appointments.

There will be an informational wind power meeting on December 3, at 6:30 PM, at the Town Office with representatives from KEAN Engineering. Haxton would like to talk to other companies before an exclusive commitment is made. There will be considerable expenditures for the Town before any real data can be collected. She wondered about the Town complying with Town ordinances such as the Site Plan Review. Silber did not feel that a Town project would need to go through Site Plan Review as the voters would be the ones to approve the project. Standard asked if the parcel was large enough to have a town tree/stump dump. Silber said yes the parcel could accommodate a stump dump (for which there has been no need to date) and that roads would have to be constructed to transport the turbines. Hinshaw asked if other sites had been looked at. Silber the Committee had considered Streaked Mountain and Sumner Hill.

CEO Sidney Abbott called earlier to say that Waterman family is still working on cleaning up the yard, but much of what is there was left by previous owners. Abbott met with Rosenbluth to discuss his concerns about the cutting on the Borsa land. He has not dealt with the concerns about cutting on Poland land on Lower Sumner Hill. He brought up Kellie Bragg's land. Her building burned in May 2007 and the land is considered to be in Shoreland zoning. A new building must be approved within 18 months of destruction. He will be contacting Bragg.

### Forms signed:

Assessor's Return for County taxes of \$39,946

Form 801 for TimePayment Corporation

Letter of support for Buckfield's Homeland Security grant application

The 3 question survey from MMA on Federal issues will be done through e-mail.

### Reports:

Financial reports for FY 2008/2009

Planning Board Minutes of November 18, 2008

Road Report: Keach got a call about a tree blocking Black Mountain Road on Tuesday. When he got there, the tree had already been removed. He has graded Decoster, Valley, Tuell Hill Roads, but the rain afterwards rutted Decoster Road again. He has the street name signs, but cannot put them up while the ground is frozen.

Old Business: The light in closet has a protective plastic sleeve per Department of Labor

New Business:

Nomination papers for RSU 10 are available until December 1, 2008. The Special Town Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 15, to elect the RSU 10 Board member.

Norton will contact John O'Donnell about a meeting to discuss valuation and ratio before the revaluation.

The Office will be closing December 25, 26, 27, and January 1.

Other:

The Office will close November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving and open on Saturday.

Silber attended the alternative energy meeting in Farmington, but felt it was not really new information.

Haxton attended the Maine Welfare Directors' meeting and would like to become a member—dues are \$30.00 per year.

The Board will work on a mileage reimbursement policy.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 15, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident George Jones, and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

Prior to the Selectpersons' meeting, the Board met with John O'Donnell to discuss the revaluation scheduled for 2010. He felt the Town's certified ratio would be higher in 2009 and will verify that with Sumner's field representative. He will start the preliminary work in 2009 and draw up a schedule. If the ratio and values hold, he will finalize the revaluation to be implemented in 2010. If not, he will finish the work for 2009.

The Minutes of November 25, 2008 and Warrant #11 were received and approved. Checks 6882-6913 (\$73,983.85) and Receipts 1037-1063 (\$133,219.50) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Walter Jasniewski presented the Board with an informal petition to pave Tuell Hill Road, stressing the high volume of traffic and safety issues for rescue vehicles. The Board and Keach acknowledged the road is in bad shape and also explained the history of the road and the decision to maintain and hold onto the roads that are currently paved. Hinckley will set up a Road Committee meeting to discuss this road and its priority. Jasniewski said he has not been notified of previous meetings; he will be notified of this meeting. The Board will also seek an independent assessment of the cost to bring Tuell Hill Road up to specification for paving.

The Gammon (sawmill) shed appears in danger of collapse into the Nezinscot River on Redding Road; Hinckley will talk to Jason Gammon.

### Forms signed:

Special Town Meeting Warrant for January 15

Concealed Firearm Permit Request for Background Check

Approval for the EMA Committee to develop a grant application to cover training classes

### Reports received:

Tri-Town report on activities and a request for quarterly funds to meet their calendar year

Financial reports and receipt of \$10,068.98 from FEMA for flooding in April 2007

SPO notice that FEMA will be requiring adoption of floodplain ordinance and FIRM date prior to July 09; Haxton is following up for clarification on Sumner's recently adopted ordinance.

Silber has contacted several wind power companies; there have been no responses as Sumner's project is relatively small. The talks with KEAN Engineering have been put on hold until the Town can clear title to the property and a right-of-way. MMA advised Silber that although the Town followed proper procedure in assessing the land to "Owner Unknown", case law has not been tested or proved. They advised the Town to seek counsel from an attorney; they will provide assistance. Silber moved to contact an attorney regarding a title search and easement to the land identified as R20, Lot 14. Haxton seconded. So voted.

Jones said he has not been notified of wind power committee meetings and would like to be kept informed. He asked if there were two options to present to the townspeople: 1) putting up our own turbines and selling the power and 2) getting the lease fee and taxes on equipment with the option for the Town to use the rest of the land for other purposes. Silber replied that is the point of the public meetings.

The next wind power meeting will be January 6 at 6:30 PM.

Road Report: The Office received notice that water has run down Abbott Pond Road and iced over Redding Road. Although Abbott Pond Road is private, the icing has created a hazard on a town way. Keach will talk to Jason Gammon about digging a ditch and diverting the water flow onto his land. Because there is increased travel on the road; the property owners may have to do further ditching and maintenance. Keach said the December 9 rain storm washed out Andrews, Arthur Allen, Heath Hill and Decoster Roads and the December 15 storm brought down a lot of branches and birch trees in the roads that he cut and removed.

### Old Business:

Hinckley attended the November 20 EMA meeting in South Paris. He would like the Board and the Fire Department to complete the NIMS training. The Board will take their training at the Office on January 5. Department of Labor violations in the Town Office have been corrected; Haxton will contact Fire Chief Robert Stewart and ask him to report on the Fire Department violations at the next meeting.

The Certification Abatement Letters need to be signed by the Board and sent in within 10 business days after December 19.

New Business:

Runes was given approval to do a postcard mailing on the upcoming rabies clinic and dog licenses.

Mary Colangelo met with the Board and was hired as Planning Board secretary at \$7.25 per hour. She has attended a Planning Board Meeting and been briefed on her responsibilities.

Vacation time for the Clerk was approved.

Haxton will be participating in the Maine Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program phone survey.

Other:

Thank you to Sally Phillips for the wreath.

Office closing December 25, 26, 27, January 1

January 15—Special Town Meeting to elect RSU 10 Board member 6:30 PM

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS DECEMBER 23, 2008

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMA Director Thomas Standard and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of December 15, 2008 and Warrant #12 were received and approved. Checks 6914--6940 (\$43,380.72) and Receipts 1064--1083 (\$42,809.46) were verified by Haxton.

Haxton moved to adopt a policy to allow contractual payments to be made early, after the Warrant is signed, if payment date is a holiday. Silber seconded. So voted.

Runes said quarterly payments will be made to Tri-Town; payments were made to accommodate the change from calendar year to fiscal year in 1988

Silber will call Dennis McAlister about the contract on parking lot plowing and shoveling. The lots have not been plowed according to the times or amounts specified in the contract; the back deck has not been shoveled. The Fire Department was called out on Sunday, December 21. According to Stewart, the lot in front of the garage doors had not been plowed. David Bragg came by and plowed it out. Stewart went on to say that the new pump bought in September for \$1,500 had to be cleaned at a cost of \$500. Stewart disputed the charge and got it dropped.

Haxton spoke with Jason Gammon about his building that appears in danger of collapse into the Nezinscot River on Redding Road. They discussed Shoreland Zoning and his options.

Forms and Reports:

Governor's budget—tree growth reimbursement reductions are not included.

Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA, forwarded information on available emergency shelter items and grants. Haxton would like the Town to concentrate on the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the townspeople have food, shelter and heat and remain healthy. She has participated in the first survey of the Farm Support Program, which will eventually be legislated.

Road Report: Keach reported in earlier to say that he would talk to Lowe about more sand on the roads.

Old Business: Standard will get booklets out to trainees before the NIMS training on January 5.

All Department of Labor violations have been corrected and the Abatement Certification Letters will be sent. Silber called Attorney Bruce Rood to look at the KEAN option agreement for legality. He also spoke with Kirk Nadeau to explain the Town's position and need to explore other options.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 13, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, resident Mary Standard and guest Geraldine Abbott.

The Minutes of December 23, 2008 and Warrant #13 were received and approved. Checks 6941—6961 (\$63,226.49) and Receipts 1084—1120 (\$60,354.02) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Mrs. Standard reported on the Buckfield/Sumner Swap Shop. In 2008, 7,200 customers took out 36,000 items weighing 40,000 pounds.

CEO Abbott said the rubbish on the Waterman property is now under snow; he is not sure of an occupant. He has not heard from Kellie Bragg; she is beyond the time limit to rebuild.

He and Haxton will inspect the actual condition of the Gammon shed on Redding Road. Abbott has told Gammon he can rebuild.

On December 30, 2008 Abbott issued approval for Clifford Lowe to operate a landfill on his Rte. 219 site. Abbott explained he was reissuing a permit that was granted by selectmen in 1967, but had been lost.

In 1999, Lowe requested a renewal from the Selectmen for road gravel, bridge planks and brush. The Board gave approval contingent on feedback from MDOT, which was not received. This latest permit request was the result of the NEPW warehouse fire in South Paris on December 3. Lowe was low bidder to haul and spread the paper ash that was left. He hired Abbott to load it into his trucks. Haxton asked Abbott if this could be considered a conflict of interest. Abbott said no—he was contacted by Lowe before the bid was awarded. He said as CEO, it is his responsibility to approve sites for landfills and stump dumps and to keep track of the cover. Haxton wondered what responsibility the Town has to protect neighboring properties.

### Forms and Reports:

Certification that Sidney Abbott, Jr. has completed the 2008 Subdivision/Site Review Workshop

Transcript of EMA courses completed by Thomas Standard; SVFD is NIMS compliant

needed: Chief and assistant chiefs will be taking ICS 200 on their own; Silber will take ICS 700,

Keach needs to take ICS 700 and 100

GA Quarterly return-reimbursement of \$69.94 requested

AVCOG-estimated salt tonnage and savings

Census Bureau survey on shelters-none in Sumner

Transfer Station financial statements

Winter Road Maintenance Contract and current price of fuel

List of 2006 tax liens, maturation date 2/26/09, 24 properties, \$26,000 taxes

Planning Board Minutes of December 2 and 16, 2008

Month-end financial statements, 70% of 2008 taxes are paid

Road Report: Haxton thinks the roads need more sand with a higher percentage of salt. Hinckley will talk with Keach and ask him to get in touch with Lowe. Keach had said in December that he would be talking with Lowe. According to a conversation in the Office with Mrs. Lowe, he has not. She also said that Lowe saw in the newspaper that a complaint had been made and he wants all calls to come to him. Calls will still be directed to the Selectpersons.

### Old Business:

Recommendations for Oversight Committee of helicopter pad: Wilda Dunham, Robert Stewart, Jane Stevens and Walter Litchfield will be appointed for 2 and 1 year terms.

Letters from residents concerned about valuation and taxes will be answered.

New Business: Department of Labor requirements for Respirator Protection and SCBA flow tests will be brought to the attention of Chief Stewart.

### Other:

January 15—Special Town Meeting to elect RSU 10 Board Member 6:30 PM

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS JANUARY 27, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat. The Minutes of January 13, 2009 and Warrant #14 were received and approved. Checks 6962—6980 (\$43,275.89) and Receipts 1121—1150 (\$32,940.66) were verified by Haxton. Haxton also reviewed September 2008 bank statements and receipts.

CEO: Abbott was not at the meeting, but the following were discussed:

The concerns about cutting on Poland land on Lower Sumner Hill are in relation to Little Lab Pond. Jason Gammon told Haxton he has not spoken with Abbott about his shed on Redding Road. Norton thought that Abbott had said he told Gammon he could rebuild. Haxton has a phone number for Abbott to contact Gammon.

A DEP official read in the Lewiston paper that Abbott had granted approval for Lowe to operate a landfill on his Rte. 219 site and that the ash from the NEPW warehouse fire was to be spread there. Haxton spoke with Aaron Dumont who informed that the ash could not be spread on Lowe's site. He talked to Lowe and Abbott and will follow-up in the spring with a site inspection to determine size and condition.

### Forms and Reports:

MMA sent a review of legislation they worked on

Appointments to Helicopter Pad Oversight Committee: Wilda Dunham, Robert Stewart to 8/31/11, Jane Stevens, Walter Litchfield, Jr. to 8/31/10

Road Report: There have been concerns about the sand/salt ratio for Town ways. The Board and Keach felt more sand was needed in the mix and that the roads need to be plowed more often and have the blades lowered. Many of the roads have a packed layer of snow after being plowed. Haxton will ask Lowe to attend the next meeting. The Board will monitor road conditions after the next storm.

### Old Business:

Letters were sent to residents concerned about valuation and taxes.

Letters were sent to abutters of Farrar Road concerning an easement to the Town to access the Town's land.

Shoreland Zoning and Floodplain Maps will be brought to voters at a town meeting along with the changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Haxton will be taking ICS 200

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, CEO Sidney Abbott, guest Geraldine Abbott and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of January 27, 2009 and Warrant #15 were received and approved. Checks 6981—7002 (\$63,174.50) and Receipts 1151—1176 (\$73,740.21) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Clifford Lowe met with the Board at their request to discuss the plowing contract and the sand/salt ratio for Town ways. Haxton thanked him for coming and said as a new selectperson she would like him to explain how the ratio is determined and which roads are plowed first. Lowe said he uses the same mix for all the roads, unless it is freezing rain, then he uses more salt. He said he doesn't have shoes on his blades—the cutting edges ride on the road. But the frost heaves create an uneven surface so the blades cannot scrape the roads clean. Silber mentioned that Bonney Road has had a solid 2" layer of snow after every storm that has now turned to slush. Lowe said his driver should have gone over the road more than once and done a better job; he will check on it. He explained that because there has been no warm weather after the storms, he has not been able to clean up the roads as well as in other years. He did spend Saturday scraping and sanding the roads. Haxton asked him how he decides when to put out more salt to clear roads. He answered that usually he's had warm weather after a storm, but it's colder this year and the roads are heaved up so he can't plow. He then asked if the Board wanted him to put salt on the tarred roads; if it is above 17°, the salt will break up the snow. He said he uses a 50/50 mix if it is rainy and freezing. He would not use salt on dirt roads; they need better plowing. Haxton asked what is left for sand. It is half gone and two-thirds of the salt budget has been spent. It was decided that Lowe will call if he thinks the roads need salt. He wants to be called if the roads are not cleared.

CEO Abbott said the cutting on Poland's land on Lower Sumner Hill has been done for about a month.

He talked to Poland about the cutting and open road. Poland had a forester mark 250' from the pond; no cutting was done beyond that point. The road is being kept open for potential buyers.

He did not talk to Jason Gammon about his shed on Redding Road, but he should be able to rebuild. Haxton will contact Gammon about Shoreland Zoning and his rights and responsibilities.

### Forms signed and Reports received:

Request for background check for Concealed Firearm Permit

MSHA survey on homeless in Sumner—no homeless

Appoint Thomas A. Standard to Oxford County Regional Communications Center Advisory Board  
12/31/10

Financial statements as of 1/31/09

Road Report: Keach said the intersection at Labrador Pond and Fields Hill Roads had been blocked with snow. He pushed it back and talked to Lowe about it. It was noted that the little bypass road is owned by the Hinshaws who do not want it plowed, although they allow its use from spring to fall. The culverts are fine.

### Old Business:

Silber has left a message with attorney Bruce Rood about the KEAN Option regarding the Town's land and wind turbines. Norton sent letters to abutter's of the land on R20, Lot 14 requesting access. No answers have been received. Silber will contact them and ask for a response by March 10.

Standard notified the Office that there are grants for fire trucks when the NIMS training has been completed by Silber, Keach, and the assistant fire chiefs.

New Business: Silber received a letter from Beverly Bennett concerning her request for tree growth withdrawal of a Sumner parcel in January. Norton sent the form letter explaining the penalty and due dates and later spoke to Mrs. Bennett who said the penalty was too high and she did not want to withdraw the parcel. Norton told her she could withdraw a small portion, but that nothing would be done until Mrs. Bennett notified the Office. Norton will type a response from Silber explaining the law and procedure for figuring the penalty with an invitation to attend the next meeting if she still has questions.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Mary Standard for the Lewiston Sun Journal and George Twine for the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of February 10, 2009 and Warrant #16 were received and approved. Checks 7003—7024 (\$58,725) and Receipts 1177--1210 (\$32,616.28) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Chief Robert Stewart asked the Board to look at the garage doors. There have been problems with truck clearance when snow has built up in front of the doors. During the weekend storm, the Department was called out early Monday morning. Due to the approximately 18" of snow in front of the doors, the firefighters responded with personal vehicles. Stewart would also like to have the banks pushed back to the trees to allow room for vehicle parking at meetings. Runes will call contractor Dennis McAlister and ask him to move the snow and attend the March 10 meeting to discuss all concerns. Silber had spoken with Mrs. McAlister prior to this meeting and requested that McAlister attend.

### Forms and Reports:

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Western Maine Economic Development Council (WMEDC) at Community Concepts, Inc. is compiling a list of Oxford County Area projects that are in an advanced enough planning stage to be undertaken if money was provided. Keach will be contacted to see if Heath Hill and Arthur Allen Roads qualify.

SPO letter explaining change in datum source for the DFIRMS-Haxton is following up

MMWAC 2008 Material Summary—Oversized, bulky waste 9.92 tons

Melinda Johnson was notified about a possible TG withdrawal penalty on R8-17F.

Neighbors Care Committee checked on those without electricity since Sunday

2006 tax liens-the remaining 5 property owners have been contacted personally by Runes

### Old Business:

Haxton will draft a Policy on mileage reimbursement that will cover round trip travel over 10 miles from the Town Office. Reimbursement will be at the current IRS rate for pre-approved travel.

Town land, R20, Lot 14—all abutters are agreeable to granting access. Silber has talked with Bruce Rood and has some ideas to discuss at another meeting. March 31 was tentatively set for an informational meeting on wind power with the community and KEAN Engineering. The Board will ask for a straw vote to proceed.

Wholesale diesel prices as of 2/23/09 in Oxford County have been below \$2.50 for 3 months. Hinckley will talk to Lowe about receipts and ask him to the March 10 meeting. He will also check with CN Brown about their prices to contractors.

### New Business:

A letter was sent to Beverly Bennett concerning her questions on tree growth withdrawal.

ACO Dannie Paine called Haxton about a large number of cats at a Sumner residence. He had been contacted by a family member. He wanted authorization to remove them; Haxton advised him to get more information. He has not called back.

### Other:

March 24 agenda-discussion on Comp Plan and its implementation and keeping townspeople healthy.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MARCH 10, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, EMD Thomas Standard, Secretary Cynthia Norton, guests George Jones and Gerry Abbott, Mary Standard of the Sun Journal and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of February 24, 2009 and Warrant #17 were read and accepted. Checks 7025—7048 (\$58,053.97) and Receipts 1211—1234 (\$44,995.55) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Russell Chesley came in to discuss the division of the family land and the tree growth law. The division among the family left a 7-acre parcel that had been identified as tree growth on the 2001 application, but the number of acres in tree growth would remain the same. According to Jeff Kendall, Property Tax, that map has to be followed as part of the contract and a penalty must be assessed. Chesley said the family would probably redistribute the land before April 1 to avoid the penalty.

CEO Abbott took the Intent to Harvest forms: Feb 09--Melinda Johnson R8-17F, Joanne Russo R15-6, Jan 09--Chadbourn R2-2, R14-1, 3, R15-38, R8-14, R7-30, R7-10, Dec 08--John Lee U2-3, Joan Young U4-21, Cameron Richards R14-7, Roland Bennett R1-30. He will call Rhonda Pinkham about the property belonging to her mother's estate. Mrs. Pinkham wants to know if a mobile home can be put on R14, Lot 5 without a new Permit by Rule Notification. (Her mother's mobile home was removed in May 2006.)

Forms and Reports: Tree Growth Certification-Barans R10-30; Rudd R16-1, R17-42, R22-6; Kimball R10-5  
Abatement request from Wesley and Priscilla McFarland for wet land R14, Lot 15-3-approved.

Adjustments for wet land will be made to the other parcels in the subdivision.

The Board signed the NIMS training and Memorandum of Understanding (the fire chief does not need large event training).

Silber moved to accept Appendix B of the General Assistance Ordinance. Hinckley seconded. So voted.

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Financial statements to 2/28/09

County taxes \$43,417 (2008 \$39,946)

Maine Community Foundation has received grant application from the EMA Committee.

The Palmer's 2006 tax lien matured. Norton will send a certified letter offering the property for all back taxes, interest and lien costs to be paid within 60 days.

Road Report: Keach has Sumner roads posted to 23,000 lbs. from 3/7/09 to 5/18/09. He has punched drain holes in the banks and has cut branches hanging out into the roads in response to a call from MSAD 39 Transportation Director John Ackley.

Old Business: Haxton brought in a policy on mileage reimbursement. Some revisions were made and will be brought to the next meeting for a vote.

The Wind Power Committee will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup>; the informational meeting will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Runes spoke with Dennis McAlister prior to the meeting about the fire chief's concerns over how the fire department lot is being plowed. McAlister said he is doing the best he can in the big storms and that an accident blocked the road to Sumner during the last storm.

Hinckley called Murray Oil and was told their diesel prices have been below \$2.50 wholesale since December. (*Minutes of Sept 9, 2008-Lowe and the Board agreed to fuel adjustment negotiations for over \$6.00 and under \$2.50 on 5800 gallons. The base price is \$4.17.*) Lowe submitted a payroll sheet with prices and gallons used. Runes will calculate the adjustment and check with Lowe before the next meeting.

New Business: Carl Straub sent an e-mail to Norton concerning his 10-year tree growth certification. He was unhappy that he had less than a month to comply. Norton sends out notices as a courtesy when she has the opportunity. The Board directed her to e-mail the tree growth law to Straub and Silber will call him.

The Board will allow online access to residents for boat registrations.

The Office thermostat is not functioning properly. Runes will call Murray Oil and Silber will get a programmable thermostat.

Standard is applying for an EMA grant for radios. Sumner is not yet NIMS compliant.

SUMNER SELECTPERSONS AGENDA MARCH 24, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mark Silber, Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Martha Elkin, Lana Pratt, Laurier Perron and George Twine of the Advertiser Democrat.

The Minutes of March 10, 2009 and Warrant #18 were received and approved. Checks 7049—7072 (\$8,422.48) and Receipts 1235—1258 (\$27,762.81) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: The Comprehensive Plan Committee met last week and will schedule a hearing on changes. They would like to focus on an agricultural task force to encourage and facilitate agriculture and tie into economic development. Elkin said there will be a meeting of farmers, producers and growers at Perron's on April 16 at 7:00 PM. They will discuss and make plans to help Sumner residents during a crisis that will include classes on gardening and canning, and cooperative planting. Haxton asked if the Town could support farms outside of taxation. Silber said they can advertise on the Town web page and perhaps create a networking brochure.

Forms signed:

- 10-year Tree Growth Certification-Sterling Mills R5, Lot 8, Carl B Straub R13, Lot 2
- Town Emergency Operations Plan-Standard expects revisions to be made; Silber and Keach will take the NIMS certification test on March 25
- Appointed Health Officer-Dorothy Lee Berry to 8/31/12
- AVCOG ballot for election of officers
- Request for Background Check for Concealed Firearm Permit
- Veteran's Exemption application—Sidney E Dunham
- Participation in HHW program
- Participation in Maine Power Options Fuel Program

Old Business: Haxton moved that the policy on mileage reimbursement, as written and read, be approved as of March 24, 2009. Hinckley seconded the motion. So voted.

There will be a public meeting on proceeding with wind power on the Town land, R20, Lot 14, on March 31. Plowing contractor Clifford Lowe met with the Board to discuss the fuel adjustment clause in the plowing contract. According to the Minutes of 9/9/08, the base price was \$4.17. Silber explained the formula as \$4.17 minus \$2.50 (the lowest price paid) x 1491.7 gallons (according to Lowe's records). The adjustment would equal \$2,491.16. Lowe replied that he should be paid \$3,300 per mile, which is State pay. He said he lost \$17,000 last year and diesel went up to \$3.90 a gallon. He told the Board they don't understand how to plow or what he does. They need to go out in the truck with him; he's not making any money and he lost trucks this year. He challenged the Board about what they would do if he gave up the contract and they had to plow. Haxton explained that the Town is paying for sand and salt and that the bid is made up of components of fuel, labor and parts. She said if the price had gone over \$6.00, the Town would have had to make up that difference, but since it went down, Lowe had been able to save money that he expected to spend on fuel. Lowe told the Board to do whatever they had to do; he didn't understand how they would calculate the adjustment. The Board will sign Warrant #19 on the 25<sup>th</sup> with Lowe's monthly payment minus \$2,491.16. Department of Labor violations-Chief Robert Stewart did not make the Friday meeting; but set up a new appointment with Michael LaPlante on April 6.

New Business:

The Board will take a preliminary look at the upcoming Budget at the April 14 meeting. There will be a benefit supper for Fred Campbell at BJSHS.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 14, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley, Mary Ann Haxton, Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart, Secretary Cynthia Norton, resident Walter Jasniewski, guest Geraldine Abbott, and reporter George Twine.

The Minutes of March 24, 2009 and Warrant #20 were received and approved. Warrant #19 was signed on March 25. Checks 7074—7108 (\$60,918.98) and Receipts 1259—1295 (\$27,289.54) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: Buckfield Rescue representatives Glen Holmes and Lisa Buck offered the services of Buckfield Rescue to all of Sumner if it is ever necessary; Buckfield's Budget Committee instructed them to contact neighboring towns to offer assistance and for a source of additional revenue. Buck explained the unit operates a basic service with EMTS, 2 ambulances and 17 volunteers. Holmes presented the FY10 budget for the Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station. The budget is 12.7% lower due to a reduction in wages/personnel and capital improvements. Repairs this year will include extending the cover the compactor. Revenues are down \$17,000 and there will be no MMWAC dividend (loss of \$7,000). In 2010, the baler will be repaired and the pavement needs to be resurfaced.

Lee Berry and Susan Litchfield and three other Tri-Town Rescue representatives spoke on behalf of Tri-Town's continued commitment to its member towns. They lost about \$16,000 with the loss of Woodstock, but received a seed grant of \$15,000. Berry said the employees are dedicated. The barn is staffed 24 hours a day with paid employees, many of whom are paramedics. Chief Stewart advised the Board to continue as is with Tri-Town and Buckfield. Berry urged the Board to pay the two services equally. (Buckfield charges \$17 per resident and Tri-Town charges \$12.50.)

CEO Sidney Abbott has completed the Basic Onsite Wastewater System Installation Course.

Abbott has notified Rhonda Pinkham that another mobile home can be set up on R14, Lot 5.

He received Intent to Harvest forms from Charles Holway, R3, Lot 4, John Snyder R16, Lot 16.

Forms and Reports: Tree Growth Certification-Ralph, Karen Dunn R7-2, 7A, Wallace Fengler R5-11

Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs-signed

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Farmland certification-Jeremy Johnson filed a "partially meets" certification; more information is coming from Property Tax.

Maine Community Foundation awarded \$3,360 to EMA Committee for Red Cross training; Ingrid Eriksson will check into specifics of requirements.

The Board will sign a proclamation for Silver Star Banner Day to honor wounded and ill veterans.

Census 2010 workers will be visiting Sumner homes between April and July, 2009

Financial Statements were available for the Board to review.

Road Report: Keach received a Pine Tree Paving quote for Fields Hill for \$78.75/ton. He has graded Valley, Arthur Allen, Hadley and Tuell Hill Roads and noted there is still frost in the roads.

Old Business:

Hinckley said he will have the Black Mountain Cemetery fence repairs completed before Memorial Day. Department of Labor violations-Chief Robert Stewart met with Michael LaPlante; all fines were removed. Stewart said the Department received a \$1400 grant for forestry gear; eight members went to Bethel for training on forest fires. He said the garage needs maintenance on the exterior doors and the Department needs a new truck.

One Helicopter pad bid was received from David Bragg in the amount of \$15,000. Stewart said the Committee decided to put it out to two local contractors Bragg and Farrar. Bragg showed up at the site walk and was given notes on the project and a sketch done by Edwin Hinshaw. Silber moved to accept the bid; Hinckley seconded. So voted.

The Palmer notice concerning the property on Barrows Road was not picked up. Runes has left a message for Mr. Palmer to call the Office.

Hinckley felt the decision on the fuel adjustment made at the last meeting was not entirely fair because the base number of \$4.17 was not in the contract, only in the Minutes. Haxton replied that she thought the action taken was reasonable. Silber added that the bid was based on the price at the time. The Board had no recourse for reimbursement under the old contract, but there was no formula in the new contract to clarify how the adjustment would be made. Lowe will be asked to the May 26 meeting to decide on wording to amend the adjustment clause for the next plowing season.

New Business:

Runes will look at the bids for the Maine Power Options Fuel Program.

Parking lots clean-up: D&D will be called.

Comprehensive Plan implementation-a public hearing on changes will be held June 23.

Other:

April 15-MMWAC budget meeting-**postponed**-Haxton will attend when date is set

April 16-Farmer/producer meeting, Perron's, 7:00 PM

April 16-Road Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

June 9-RSU #10 Budget vote

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS APRIL 28, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Mark Silber and Mary Ann Haxton, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, CEO Sidney Abbott, Secretary Cynthia Norton, EMD Thomas Standard, committee members Marianne Todd, Martha Elkin and George Jones, and guest Geraldine Abbott. The Minutes of April 14, 2009 and Warrant #21 were received and approved. Checks 7109—7125 (\$20,107.52) and Receipts 1296—1322 (\$16,428.15) were verified by Haxton.

Open Session: EMD Thomas Standard went over his grant and budget requests. He estimates he puts in 50 hours per month and is requesting \$150 per month for a stipend. He explained the grant reimburses 50% of expenses and volunteer time at \$20 per hour. He would like to set up a generator fund with any unexpended money at the end of the fiscal year. Precautions for the Swine Flu are e-mailed daily; Lee Berry dropped off material to be posted and handed out. The Neighbors Care Committee will send out a newsletter.

CEO: Abbott has tried to contact Naomi Waterman about her property and the clean up effort. Neighbors have been complaining.

He will fill out the FEMA biennial flood insurance report.

Forms signed: General Assistance Quarterly Report with 2 cases for \$206.40 reimbursement  
Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation to honor wounded service men and women

### Reports received:

Change in Solid Waste budget—up about \$100

Road Committee meeting notes. The Committee will meet to come up a plan for possible Stimulus Grant funds for shovel-ready projects. Jones suggested hiring an engineer to assist in planning.

Farmland certification-Jeremy Johnson can continue if land is used for cattle on regular basis

Farmer/producer meeting: 15+ attendees, discussed how to implement sharing an abundant harvest with the community; Elkin said it was a good opportunity to meet and discuss ideas

Wind Power meeting: Silber said there 12 people, including KEAN representatives; a site visit to Freedom was discussed; Silber is looking at funding options and working with Unity College on a test tower

A draft Site Access Agreement from Bill Glass will be reviewed by the Committee

RSU #10 Agenda for April 28

AVCOG bidding on culverts and cutting edges: Keach does not buy the minimum required and likes to bid independently.

Preliminary 2010 State Valuation \$67,000,000 (2009 \$66,750,000)

Ratio Declaration will be declared at 110% of 79% for a rate of 86.9% per Roland Moreau, Property Tax  
The Declaration will be sent to O'Donnell with advice from Moreau to hold off on the reval until 2010.

Road Report: Keach has graded Andrews Road and fixed the bridge plank. He also graded Heath Hill Road. He plans to pull the Posted Road signs on May 1. He noted that Redding Road is breaking up; the Board advised him to put his road priority list in his annual report.

Old Business: Dennis McAlister cleaned up the Parking lots.

The Palmer notice was returned unclaimed to the Town Office. Putting the property up for sale will be addressed at a June meeting.

### New Business:

The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Anna Woodworth in June. Erland Hammond died April 7.

Glen Holmes received a request from Hartford to share the Swap Shop at the Buckfield/Sumner Transfer Station, but felt that the facility cannot handle more traffic or goods at this time. Sumner's Board agreed. Runes went over the budget sheet for FY2010 to get the Board's recommendations.

Norton will contact Connie Cushing about cemetery stone repair. If she is not able to work on the stones, a professional firm will be contacted.

The 2007 CERT Grant of \$8,100 is good until June 2009, not 2008 as originally stated.

Haxton will attend the May 14 MMWAC budget vote.

## SUMNER SELECTPERSONS MAY 12, 2009

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Hinckley and Mark Silber, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Runes, Road Commissioner James Keach, Secretary Cynthia Norton, Fire Chief Robert Stewart, Firefighter Kelly Stewart and Mary Standard for the Sun Journal.

The Minutes of April 28, 2009 and Warrant #22 were received and approved. Checks 7126—7150 (\$65,285.70) Receipts 1323—1343 (\$18,739.93) were reviewed by Hinckley.

Open Session: Standard reported that the Swap Shop will have plastic bins to store items. High school students have been helping with sorting and bagging. A \$4,980 grant has been applied for to connect the containers and put in roof and windows.

Stewart said the Department received a \$2,800 grant for firefighter equipment and there will be seven firefighters training in Bethel at the end of the week.

### Forms signed:

Maine Power Options fuel bid agreement was signed May 1, 2009 with CN Brown.

Concealed Firearm Request for Background Check

Road Report: Keach has been doing grading and gravel work on Black Mountain, Tuell Hill, Bradeen, Paris Hill and Damon Roads. He will be starting the patching later in the week. Wayne Field contacted him about ditching Paris Hill Road, which is a public easement road. Keach will supply the trucks and Field will do the work. Keach has been doing some culvert work. He put plugs in the grader tire to repair a leak and will be getting someone to look at the grader for a problem with shifting.

Keach got culverts from PFU at a cheaper price than the AVCOG cooperative bid and had no delivery fee.

### Old Business:

There will be a site walk to Mollyockett Mountain on May 22 at 5:00 PM with Mick Womersley, an Associate Professor from Unity College who has a Sustainable Design and Technology degree program.

New Business: Norton will call about a date for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Anna Mary Holt Woodworth.

Connie Cushing will start working on Redding Road Cemetery repairs.

The Office received an e-mail from an alleged Tri-Town Rescue employee making several libelous claims. The employee and Directors have refuted the e-mail and are investigating its source.

Runes noted that nomination papers will be available May 16 for a Selectman and Road Commissioner.

Spring assessing work will be done May 19 and 20

The Board agreed to adjust the land value on R15, Lot 11 belonging to Steven and Mary Hargreaves.

The property is very wet and was the site of a gravel pit that is now played out.

A citizen sent in a concern that the Legislature is considering allowing the sale of fireworks to the public and felt it might increase wildfires. Stewart does not believe it will.

EMD Thomas Standard requested help for the present or future owners of the Chizzlers corner store to offer fuel. The Board felt that Standard was the best person to explore possible funding.

The Road Committee will be meeting May 21 to discuss Tuell Hill and other road repairs. They plan to do a presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

The Board will invite Clifford Lowe to the next meeting to discuss the amendment to the fuel adjustment clause in the Winter Road Maintenance contract.